

Remarks

A teleconference was held on March 9, 2004 at which the Examiner, Mathew J. Smith, stated that the allowable subject matter on the Office Action of September 10, 2003 was incorrect. Therefore, Claims 1-9, 11-41 and 43-64 are pending; Claims 41, 43-46, 53, 55, 61, and 62 are allowed; and Claims 1-9, 11-40, 47-52, 54, 56-60, 63, and 64 are rejected.

To place the claims in condition for allowance:

Claims 1-9, 11-40, 47-52, 54, 56-60, 63, and 64 have been canceled without prejudice.

The subject matter of dependent Claim 53 has been rewritten in independent form to include all the limitations of its base claim.

The subject matter of dependent Claim 61 has been rewritten in independent form to include all the limitations of its base claim.

Claims 41, 43-46, 53, 55, and 61-62 are believed to be in condition for allowance.

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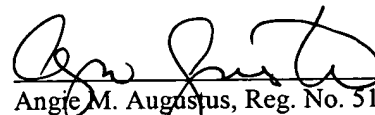
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